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MEDICAL DEVICES

PETITION FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents

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In accordance with the provision of 37 CFR § 1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a three-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the Office Action mailed July 1, 2004, said period of response being extended from October 1, 2004 to January 1, 2005 (a Saturday).

Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0743 in the amount of \$1020.00 to cover the TECHNOLOGY CENTER ASSOCIA required extension fee. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to deposit Account No. 19-0743.

Respectfully Submitted,

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